



NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

VESSEL “Urania” USCG Doc#222848

In accordance with RCW 79.100, the vessel Urania, USCG #222848, which is currently sunk in the Squalicum Waterway, has been declared derelict and abandoned because it meets the definitions of both a derelict and abandoned vessel as described in RCW 79.100.010. The Department of Natural Resources, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the above named vessel on July 1, 2006. Once we obtain custody of the vessel, we are authorized to use or dispose of it in any appropriate and environmentally sound manner without further notice to the owner. In order for the owner to retain custody of the vessel, the owner must obtain authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location, move it to an anchorage area or moorage facility that has authorized the vessel, or remove the vessel from the water.

The owner of the vessel may request a hearing with the department to contest the decision to take temporary possession or custody of the vessel or to contest the amount of reimbursement owed the department. A written request for a hearing related to the decision or action must be filed with the aquatic resources division of the department within twenty days of the date the authorized public entity acquires custody of the vessel under RCW 79.100.040, or if the vessel is redeemed before the authorized public entity acquires custody, the date of redemption, or the right to a hearing is deemed waived and the vessel's owner is liable for any costs owed the authorized public entity.

The costs the owner may be liable for include, but are not limited to, costs incurred exercising the authority granted in RCW 79.100.030, all administrative costs incurred by the authorized public entity during the procedure set forth in RCW 79.100.040, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel.

For more information regarding this action, contact the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Derelict Vessel Removal Program at (360) 902-1574.